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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SY, US

SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY

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1. SHALOM IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM OF SYRIAN JEWS BEING
INTERROGATED ABOUT TRAVEL--REAL OR IMAGINED--TO ISRAEL.
GUINDI APPARENTLY HAS TALKED TO SHALOM ABOUT THIS. HA'ARETZ
NEW YORK REPORTER FILED A STORY THAT THESE INTERROGATIONS
HAD BEEN GOING ON.

2. SHALOM CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH
ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK SO THAT THE NEWLY-ARRIVED
WOMEN WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ISSUED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS BY
ISRAELIS, AT LEAST FOR A YEAR OR SO. HE DID NOT RPT NOT
BELIEVE HE SHOULD TRY FOR ISRAELI COOPERATION IN DENYING
TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR THOSE SYRIAN JEWS VISITING THE U.S. FOR
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OTHER REASONS. THERE WERE HUMAN CONSIDERATIONS AND SOME OF
THESE PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO RISK SYRIAN WRATH ON THEIR
RETURN TO SYRIA.

3. ISRAELI EMBASSY COUNSELOR--WHEN I DISCUSSED THE ABOVE
WITH HIM--CONFIRMED THAT THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL
HAD BOTH HELD THE LINE IN URGING VISITING SYRIAN JEWS NOT

TO GO TO ISRAEL AND JEOPARDIZE OTHERS. ALL THE SAME, SOME THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE WENT TO ISRAEL FROM THE U.S. AND RETURNED; AND AN EQUAL NUMBER FROM EUROPE.

4. ONE OF GIRLS WHO ARRIVED ON 11TH SAID SHE HAD BEEN WITH TOUTAH IN MEETING WITH DEPUTY TO COL. MAS'UD. DEPUTY (ABD AL-SAMAH?) BLAMED SHALOM, SHE SAID, FOR ISRAELI VISITS, AND ALLEGED SHALOM WOULD BE JAILED IF HE RETURNED TO SYRIA. (SHALOM HAD GIVEN THIS DEPUTY ASSURANCES THAT THE UNMARRIED WOMEN WOULD NOT GO TO ISRAEL). CHRISTOPHER

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